GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF GAS FROM HBJ PIPELINE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had received any proposal from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for supply of natural gas to industries in Madhya Pradesh from HBJ pipeline;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a): Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh has written to this Ministry for committing gas supplies to the proposed 150 MW power plant of the Madhya Pradesh State Industrial Development Corporation (MPSIDC) and the allocation of Administered Price Mechanism(APM) gas for CNG projects at Indore, Ujjain and Gwalior.

(b) & (c): A Gas Cooperation MoU has been signed between GAIL and MPSIDC on 5.5.2005. Two major gas pipelines are in the process of implementation in Madhya Pradesh, viz., Jagoti-Pitampur Pipeline and Kailaras-Malanpur Pipeline to supply gas to various industries. As there is a constraint on the availability of domestic natural gas at present, GAIL is exploring the possibility of meeting the gas requirements in the region through the imported LNG route. Accordingly, GAIL officials are in contact with MPSIDC to address the requirements of new power projects and other industries based on Regasified LNG pricing and the availability of RLNG. GAIL are in the process of forming a Joint Venture with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) to implement city gas projects and CNG in the State of Madhya Pradesh. It is envisaged that the Joint Venture Company would create the required infrastructure for the supply of natural gas to the transport, domestic, commercial and industrial sectors of Indore and later expand to other cities of Madhya Pradesh such as Ujjain and Gwalior.